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SUBJECT: HONDURAS APPRECIATES INFORMATION ON CUBAN
REJECTION OF USG EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AFTER HURRICANES
GUSTAV AND IKE

POLOFF delivered demarche detailing USG efforts to deliver emergency assistance to Cuba following Hurricanes Ike and Gustov to Jose Antonio Lorenzana, Director of Multilateral Affairs, on October 7. Details of the non-political-nature of the emergency aid package as well as its value and proposed impact were explained. Lorenzana stated that many countries have come to the aid of Cuba, including Honduras, and asked about the assistance rendered by U.S.-based private NGOs and religious groups, such as the Mormon Church, of which he is a member. He thanked us for the information and said he would pass it on to the FM.
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